



# WAYS AND MEANS ESSENTIALS

# WORKFORCE

## JOBS AND OPPORTUNITY

A Cornerstone of Republican Philosophy of Earned Success

### Strong Economy Means an Increase in Demand for Workers

Our new tax code is **creating demand for workers** all across the country. With a **booming economy** that has **more jobs than workers**, now is the perfect time for those stuck on the sidelines to find work and pull themselves out of poverty.

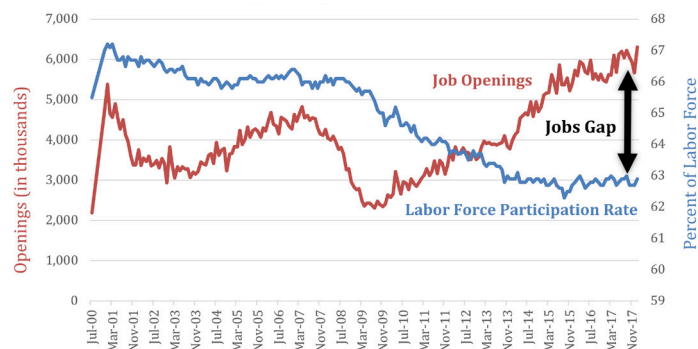
### Focus on Families and Work

All Americans deserve a chance to accomplish their hopes and dreams – but our current system, isn't getting the job done. Many on the program are not being engaged in work or work preparation and dollars intended for the purpose are being spent elsewhere.

### The Jobs Gap can Hold our Economy Back

The “**jobs gap**” is the difference between employers' demand for workers, shown as job openings, and the declining number of individuals in the workforce, shown as the labor force participation rate. The space in the middle separating those two lines the jobs gap.

**The “Jobs Gap”**  
**Labor Force Participation Rate and Total Job Openings**  
**2000-2018**

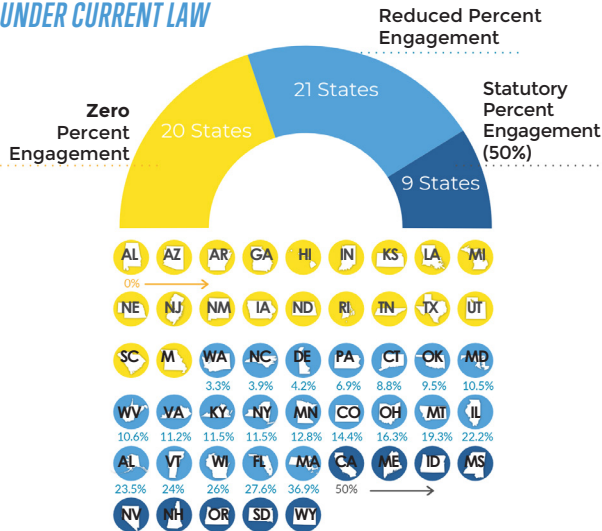


# Republicans have introduced the Jobs and Opportunity with Benefits and Services (JOBS) for Success Act to help more a families move from poverty to prosperity.

**Support for JOBS for Success Act:** *Opportunity Solutions Project, Heritage Action for America, National Association of Manufacturers, Americans for Tax Reform, Opportunity America Jobs and Careers Coalition, National Taxpayers Union, California Workforce Association*

## Our Bill Puts the Focus Back on Work

### STATE WORK RATES UNDER CURRENT LAW



The focus on work has been lost, and **states have become very complacent with not engaging families** on the program.

The *JOBS for Success Act* fixes this by ensuring **universal engagement of all families** on the caseload in work or work preparation activities – restoring the bipartisan promise of work in the 1996 welfare reforms.

The *JOBS for Success Act* means there are **no “lost causes”** or families that are “too difficult” to engage. Case management services will be used to provide a tailored plan to guide each family on their path to entering and remaining in the workforce. No family will be left behind.

## Our Bill Supports Working Families

Today, **less than half the total program dollars go toward supporting work.** Instead federal funds have been used to plug state budget holes. The *JOBS for Success Act* helps families under 200% of poverty by requiring states to spend a minimum level of funding on transportation and other work support services to **help more of Americans prepare for and keep employment.**

## Our Bill Holds States Accountable for Work

Currently, there is not accountability for the desired outcome of **sustained, unsubsidized employment.** States will be measured on the caseload that gets and keeps a job, their earnings, and for young adults, high school or GED completion.

**Consider Ways & Means a resource as you work on these issues with your constituents and stakeholders.**